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SUBJ: CSCE: FRG SCIENCE FORUM PROPOSAL

REF: A) GENEVA 2817; B) STATE 53207

1. ON JUNE 14 FRG DELEGATION TABLED IN  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOLLOWING, REVISED TEXT  
OF ITS PROPOSAL ON "SCIENTIFIC FORUM:"  
QUOTE 4. TO IMPROVE CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATION IN  
THE FIELD OF SCIENCE ON THE MULTILATERAL PLANE AND  
THEREFORE:

4.1 TO ENVISAGE, IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING YEAR,  
A "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" IN THE FORM OF A MEETING OF  
LEADING PERSONALITIES IN SCIENCE OF THE PARTICIPATING  
STATES TO CONSIDER ESPECIALLY THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- PROMOTION OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTACTS  
BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS,
- ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION AND

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EXCHANGE IN FIELDS OF COMMON INTEREST, ESPECIALLY

BY THE SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS AFFECTING  
THE FUTURE,

- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE WORK OF  
SCIENTIFIC ACADEMIES AND OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS,

4.2 TO CHARGE THE GOVERNMENT OF .....TO  
CONVENE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM  
THE PARTICIPATING STATES, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF  
UNESCO AND ECE AS WELL AS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC  
ACADEMIES OR CORRESPONDING SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS,  
WHICH SHALL PREPARE SUCH "SCIENTIFIC FORUM",

4.3 TO CONSIDER IN DUE COURSE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT  
THE RESULTS OF THESE ACTIVITIES, FURTHER STEPS TO BE  
TAKEN. UNQUOTE.

2. PROPOSAL PROMPTLY ACCEPTED BY MOST WESTERN  
DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING U.S. SOVIET DELEGATE ACCEPTED  
"IN PRINCIPLE" BUT RESERVED HIS POSITION ON SPECIFICS  
OF PROPOSAL PENDING FURTHER STUDY. FRG PROPOSED TO  
ADD PROPOSAL AS FOURTH PARAGRAPH TO THREE-PARAGRAPH  
FRENCH PROPOSAL ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, WHICH IS  
UNDER DISCUSSION IN SUBCOMMITTEE (PROGRESS ON MODIFIED  
FRENCH PROPOSALS ARE NOW STALEMATED DUE TO CONTINUING  
SOVIET OPPOSITION TO ANY REFERENCE TO -DIRECT  
CONTACTS" AMONG SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCH WORKERS).

3. COMMENT. FRG DEL HAS INFORMED US THAT SOVIETS  
APPARENTLY PREFER TO HAVE UNESCO ORGANIZE AND OPERATE  
SCIENTIFIC FORUM. WE SHARE GERMAN RESERVATIONS ON  
THIS SCORE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO INDICATE OUR PREFERENCE  
FOR ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN PARA-  
GRAPH 4.2 OF FRG PROPOSAL.

4. FRENCH DELEGATION HAS PRIVATELY INDICATED ITS  
WISH TO AVOID "INSTITUTIONALIZING" FORUM, OR LOCATING  
IT IN ANY PERMANENT SITE. SOME OTHER WESTERN DELEGATES  
HAVE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT WATERED-DOWN  
VERSION OF PROPOSAL TABLED BY FRG IS BUT FIRST STEP  
IN FORUM'S EVENTUAL BUT QUIET DEMISE. END COMMENT.DALE

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